[President]

In the election to the Standing Finance Committee,
Mr. Kannara Gopala Panikkar got 31 votes,
Mr. M Sivathanu Pillai got 28 votes,
Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai got 28 votes,
Mr. Kochukora Tharakan got 24 votes and
Mr. A Thanu Pillai got 1 vote.

Mr. Kannara Gopala Panikkar has secured the largest number of votes and is therefore declared elected. As Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai and Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai both got 28 votes lots were cast and Mr. Sivathanu Pillai was declared elected as a result of the casting of lots.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: I have received notice of a motion in regard to the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious situation created by the notice issued by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Travancore University prohibiting students from appearing and giving evidence before the non-official committee consisting of Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai Avergal, retired Judge of the Travancore High Court, Rajasabhabhushanan K. Chandy, retired First Member, Executive Council, Mysore and Dr. M. E. Naidu, Nagercoil, constituted by the Public Meeting held at Trivandrum on 8-12-1113, to enquire into the Lathi Charge on students and others in and around the Science College Premises on the evening of 31-11-1113".

The notice was issued by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor who, I may say is the constituted authority under the Univarsities Regulation in regard to all disciplinary matters as to students. The University is in sole charge of discipline of students which, now has been completely transferred to that body an autonomous body which has no connection with nor is dependent on the Government with reference to this topic. The notice is this.

> "The Committee composed of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Director of Public Instruction and Dr. K L. Moudgill has been entrusted with the responsibility of investigating into the the conduct of students in connection with the recent political agitation and demonstrations and this Committee has been given full powers in regard to this enquiry. I am therefore to request that you will kindly inform the students of your College that they are not to appear before any other Committee or Body (official or non-official) except with the previous permission of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor".

Now, as has already been stated by me on another occasion adjournment motions can only be given in regard to matters arising out of the administration.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: On a point of information. May I know whether the Pro-Vice-Chancellor is an officer of the Government?

PRESIDENT: He is not acting in that capacity. He is an officer of the University and acted as such.

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As I have already said, the Universities Regulation says definitely that the control of the conduct of the students and the discipline of the students are exclusively vested in the University and adjournment motions are permissible and admissible only in regard to matters wherein the administrative control or the administrative action of the Government is under debate or under controversy. On that ground, this motion is incompetent.

There is another reason which will render this motion inadmissible. A certain number of gentlemen who gathered together in public meeting have appointed a committee. That committee has no powers of examining witnesses and is exactly in the same position as any two or three people to whom other people may go forward and impart information. Therefore that is not a matter which falls within the definition of matters of public importance under the Rules except perhaps in a loose popular sense. The motion is therefore not in order and I rule it out.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: On a point of order. Is it in order for a member to interrupt the Chair?

PRESIDENT: It all depends upon whether the Chair thinks that there is any legitimate thirst for information.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether it is permissible?

PRESIDENT: It is not correct.

DEMAND FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

DEMAND XV—POLICE.

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 7,54,825 under Demand XV—Police.

Motions Nos. 461 to 465.

The following motions were not moved.

MR. P. V. MATHAI CHEMPARATHY:

461. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,320 for Inspector as Office Manager by Re. 1.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR:

462. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,113 for establishment by Re. 1.

MR. P. V. MATHAI CHEMPARATHY:

463. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,000 for travelling allowances by Re. 1.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH:

464. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,000 for travelling allowances by Re. 1.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU:

465. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,000 for travelling allowances by Re. 1.

Motion No. 466.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Sir, I move that the allotment of Rs. 2,000 for travelling allowances be reduced by Re. 1 to discuss the question of abolishing Vigilance Committee.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I rise to a point of order whether these Vigilance Committee fall under this motion.

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